

How to Survive Your First Night in Minecraft

Survival Mode

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Objectives

1. Explore Your Surroundings
2. Gather Resources
3. Build a Shelter
4. Craft Tools
5. Avoid Creatures of the Night

Explore Your Surroundings

Use these basic controls to move around:

W: move forward

S: move back

A: move left

D: move right

Space: jump



Explore Your Surroundings

Look for raw resources that can help you survive out in the wild, like:



wood



stone/rock



coal

Gather Resources

Use the Left Mouse button to swing your arm and “punch” raw resources like trees and rock.



Gather Resources

Click and hold down
the Left Mouse
Button to break
blocks



Gather Resources

Once you break the blocks a cube of the resource will appear. Walk towards the cube to collect it.



Build a Shelter

You need a shelter to prevent zombies and other creatures from attacking you.

Insider Tip: If night falls before your shelter is complete, dig a hole in the ground or climb to the top of a mountain to hide from creatures.



Build a Shelter

Punch trees to gather wood for your shelter. You need at least 16 pieces of wood.



Build a Shelter



Find a place to build your shelter. Look for areas in the side of mountains or hills (these are good places to find coal - see arrow).

Build a Shelter

Clear out dirt and stone in your chosen area. Move blocks and put them on top of each other to build up the walls of your shelter (right click to place blocks).



Build a Shelter

Now you need to create a workbench so you can craft items to complete building your shelter.

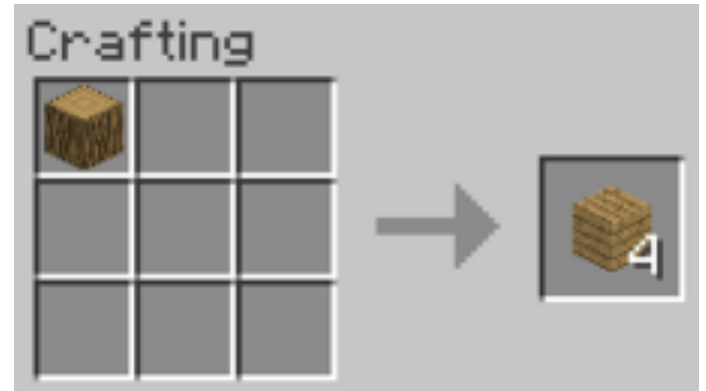
Click 'E' to open your inventory.



Inventory screen

Build a Shelter

Drag your wood into the four crafting squares to create refined planks of wood. Keep doing this until you have 32 refined planks.



Insider Tip: One block of wood = 4 refined planks.

Build a Shelter



Arrange the refined planks into a 2x2 square to create your workbench.

Build a Shelter



Drag the workbench to your hotbar and exit the inventory. Right click to place the workbench on the ground where your shelter will be.

Build a Shelter

Build a door to secure your shelter. Bring up your inventory and arrange wood into the first two columns to craft a door.



Build a Shelter

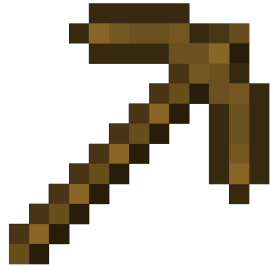
Place the door in your shelter. Left click on the door to open it.

Insider Tip: Keep a workbench inside your shelter. Now you can craft items at night, while you wait for sunrise.



Craft Tools

To survive in Minecraft, you need to craft tools. Tools are useful for building, hunting, and defense. Some of the most common tools are the pickaxe and sword.



Wooden Pickaxe



Wooden Sword

Craft Tools: Pickaxe

To craft a pickaxe, you will first need to make sticks.

Right click on the workbench, then arrange two blocks of refined wood planks on top of each other to make sticks.

Insider Tip: Craft a pickaxe before crafting a sword: pickaxes can break hard stone that swords can't, plus you can still use the pickaxe for hunting and defense.



Craft Tools: Pickaxe

Take the sticks and refined wood and place them as follows to make a pickaxe:



Craft Tools: Pickaxe

Now you have a pickaxe! Place the pickaxe anywhere in your inventory. Move it to the toolbar to use the pickaxe.



Craft Tools: Sword

To craft a sword, open your workbench. Take sticks and wood planks, and arrange them as follows:



Craft Tools: Sword

Now you have a sword! Place the sword anywhere in your inventory. Move it to the toolbar to use the sword.



Craft Tools: Using Items



To use items, exit the inventory. The items you moved to the toolbar are visible at the bottom of your screen. Use the arrow keys on the keyboard to select the item to use.

Avoid Creatures of the Night

When the sun goes down, creatures like zombies and spiders come out. They can kill you if you are not careful.



Spider: Can jump and bite.
Drops string.



Creeper: Silent and sneaky.
Explodes. Drops gunpowder.



Zombie: Bites. Will pursue on site and keeps attacking even when being hit.

Avoid Creatures of the Night

Avoid creatures by spending the night in your shelter.

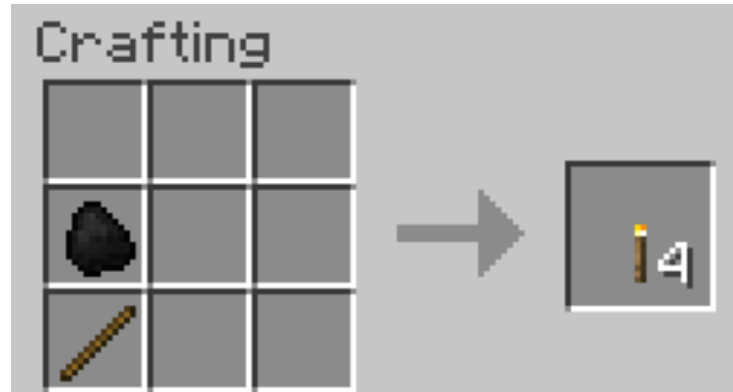
Creatures do not like light, so craft torches and place these around your shelter.



Insider Tip: Running water can stop creatures from attacking you, so it is a good idea to build your shelter near water. Seek water if you find yourself away from home when night falls.

Avoid Creatures: Craft Torches

To craft torches, you will need sticks and coal.
Arrange sticks and coal as follows:



Avoid Creatures: Craft Torches

Place the torches around your shelter for light by right clicking on the area where you want to put the torch. Torches will help keep creatures away from your shelter.



Avoid Creatures: Creature Attack!

If you are attacked by creatures, go to your inventory and select your sword or pickaxe.



Insider Tip: Do not attack zombies, spiders or creepers with your hands. You will die!

Avoid Creatures: Creature Attack!



Left click on the creature. It glows red when it suffers damage. Keep hitting it until it dies. Pick up anything it drops to add it to your inventory.

Sunrise

You have all the tools needed to survive your first night in Minecraft. Now you just need to wait for the sunrise ...

